GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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ORGANISATIONS UNDER RTI ACT
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to bring some departments and organisations under the RTI Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to make the implementation of the RTI Act more useful and hurdle free?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (Independent Charge) IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF THE STATE (Independent Charge) IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCE; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME'S MINISTER OFFICE; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS;AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b): Right to Information Act applies to all authorities, bodies or institutions of self-government which have been established or constituted by or under the Constitution or by any law made by Parliament or State Legislature or by notifications/orders made by the appropriate government, excepting intelligence and security organizations established by Central/State Governments and notified under Second Schedule of the Act or in the official Gazette of a State Government. However, even for these organizations information pertaining to the allegation of corruption and human rights violation are not exempted. The Act extends to the whole of India except the state of Jammu & Kashmir.

(c): The Government has taken many steps for streamlining the implementation of RTI Act. It has issued several memoranda clarifying various provisions of the Act, published guides on the Right to Information Act, taken up publicity through electronic media and display of RTI posters in post offices located in rural areas, and imparting training to Stakeholders.